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DIRECTOR

REF: STREEB-GOWEN TELECON

1. SINCE TAKING OVER AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE COMMODITIES
DIVISION ONE MONTH AGO, MR. A MCINTYRE HAS REORGANIZED THE
DIVISION. BASICALLY THIS INVOLVES SPLITTING THE AGRICULTURAL
AND MINERALS SECTIONS INTO SIX TASK FORCES EACH HEADED BY A
TASK FORCE COORDINATOR. WITHIN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTION THE
EFFECT HAS BEEN TO DILUTE THE ROLE OF THE PREVIOUS SECTION
CHIEF, NASSAU ADAMS, BY LEAVING HIM WITH ONLY ONE TASK FORCE
RESPONSIBLE FOR THREE COMMODITIES. ADAMS HAS NOT BEEN ABLE
TO MANAGE WORK ON ALL THESE COMMODITIES VERY EFFECTIVELY.

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TWO NEW EMPLOYEES HAVE TAKEN OVER TASK FORCES--MARTNER, AN
ALLENDE ECONOMIST WHO HAS BEEN WORKING ON COTTON AND
TROPICAL TIMBER AT VARIOUS PLACES IN LATIN AMERICA
SINCE THE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT IN CHILE, AND NYNAN, A
NORWEGIAN, ABOUT WHOM WE KNOW VERY LITTLE AT THIS POINT.
TUVO LEHTI, A FINN, WHO IS ON SECONDMENT FROM FAO AND HAS
BEEN WORKING AS A GENERAL ADVISOR ON THE COMMON FUND AND

THE IPC, IS NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR SPECIFIC COMMODITIES AS WELL. C DAWSON REMAINS IN CHARGE OF BOTH TASK FORCES ON METALS AND NO CHANGE IS INDICATED SINCE THE SECOND GROUP (MANGANESE AND IRON ORE) IS QUITE INACTIVE.

2. THE TECHNICIANS ON THE STAFF IN GENERAL REMAIN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAME COMMODITIES AS PREVIOUSLY EXCEPT THAT ADAMS WAS LEFT IN CHARGE OF ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL AND HAS PICKED HIS OWN FAVORITES FOR HIS TASK FORCE. HUGH GOSSCHALK, THE AMERICAN RESPONSIBLE FOR PHOSPHATES, HAS RETIRED, AND NO REPLACEMENT HAS YET BEEN NAMED.

3. COMMON FUND IS BEING DEALT WITH BY TWO GROUPS. THE SENIOR ADVISORY STAFF WILL BE IN THE MAIN CONTACT WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE OF GROUP B, AND WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS TO "EXPLAIN" THE SECRETARIAT'S VIEWS ON THE COMMON FUND, TO THOSE GOVERNMENTS. THE GENERAL STUDIES BRANCH WILL DO THE ANALYTICAL BACKUP WORK. DUNCAN RIDLER HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO WORK ON COMPENSATORY FINANCING EFFECTIVELY TAKING HIM OUT OF THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE CURRENT ASPECTS OF THE COMMON FUND AND THE IPC.

4. THE DIVISION'S STRUCTURE NOW APPEARS AS FOLLOWS:
DIRECTOR: MCINTYRE (GRANADA)
POLICY & PROGRAMS: BREWSTER (GUYANA)
SENIOR OFFICER: HULUGALLE (SRI LANKA)
ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE: SACA (CANADA)
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SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS-IPC: CHADHA (INDIA), SFEIR (US),
TEROEDJRE (BENIN), ADOBOLI (TOGO), UNSWORTH (UL)
GENERAL STUDIES BRANCH, ABBATE (ITALY), CUDDY (CANADA),
MEGZARI (ALGERIA), BATYGUINE (USSR), BROWN (US),
SANTOS (BRAZIL), BANKS (ITALY).

TASK FORCES:

COMPENSATORY FINANCING: RIDLER (NEW ZEALAND)
COMMON FUND: CALCAGNO (ARGENTINA) AND GSB STAFF.
FOODSTUFFS I: (SUGAR, MEAT, VEGETABLE OILS)-
ADAMS (JAMAICA)
FOODSTUFFS II: (TEA, BANANAS)-NYPAN (NORWAY)
AGR. RAW MATERIALS I: (RUBBER, TIMBER, JUTE)-
MARTNER (CHILE)
AGR. RAW MATERIALS II: (COTTON, HARD FIBERS)-LEHTI (FINLAND)
MINERALS/METALS I: (COPPER, BAUXITE, PHOSPHATE)-
DAWSON (AUSTRALIA)
MINERALS/METALS II: (IRON ORE, MANGANESE)-DAWSON

5. WITH REGARD TO QUESTION ON MCINTYRE'S ROLE IN COMMON FUND IN TELECON, BOTH INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH MCINTYRE AND OTHER SENIOR STAFF INDICATE HE WILL BE TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN COMMON FUND DISCUSSIONS AND PREPARATION OF G-77 POSITION.

OUR IMPRESSION FROM SOME COMMENTS IS THAT HE MAY FOCUS ON
LATIN AMERICA WHERE MOST OF THE OPPOSITION TO THE CENTRAL
SOURCE FINANCING TYPE COMMON FUND IS CENTERED.VANDEN HEUVEL

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